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Being a Just

VINDICATION

Of the Right Honourable

Sr. ARTHUR HASLERIGG,

And all other Persons herein

Concerned.

From the Scandalous Imputations,
and Forged *Articles* Exhi-
bited by

* JOHN MUSGRAVE.

* --- *His niger est, hunc tu Romane caveto.*

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THe Devill, who still repines at the Justice of God in his Damnation, doth alwayes meditate revenge against the Righteous Power which condemn'd him. But because he is not able to oppole God in himselfe, he assaults him in his Creatures, and carries on his *Theomachy* with attempts upon weak mortallity : And first, he enleavours to make us (like himselfe) sons of perdition, and so deprive us of that felicity which he has forfeited ; but where he cannot rule, he tyrannizeth ; whom he cannot pervert, he persecutes ; like a savage enemy, who being denyed the possession of a City, falls on with fire and sword to ruine it. Thus that wicked spirit sheweth his malice upon the whole race of humanity, seduceth us to be wicked, as he did *Adam* ; or afflicts us for being good as he did *Job* : undermines our soules, or disturbs the comfort of our lives, and seeks to rob us of our temporall or eternall happinesse.

Now the chiefeft adjuncts and properties of the Devill, are his malice and falsehood, which two, furnish him with Artillery enough to be what he is denominated, *Diabolus*, an Accuser. From this grand Accuser (who is both the Tempter and Informer, betrayes us to bad actions, and belyes our good) doe proceed all those Spirits of obloquy, and hatred ; who, while they traduce other mens integrity, endeavour to make them, and wish they were, as criminous as they pretend to prove them ; and so, in a manner contribute to the advancement of sin, study nothing but mischief and division, and

glory in the destruction of opprest innocence; whereby they evidently appeare the Solicitors of Hell, to be tutored by the Devill, and to receive Instructions from that spirit of Malignity and error.

But, *Quis perdere vult Jupiter, dementat.* And sure some Spirit of Delusion has infatuated this inconsiderate wretch to assume these desperate Resolutions, and to discharge aloft his pernicious darts, which may justly descend with deserv'd Vengeance upon his owne head; to calumniate and provoke so much eminence and worth, and like besotted *Haman*, prepare the Instrument of his own Execution, whilst the luster of that luminary which he covets to obscure, grows more conspicuous by this eclipse. and all the scandalous imputations make up a veile, not to cloud, but cover; not to deface, but defend him from the casual spots and accidentall blemishes, which otherwise might have sullied the purity of his high actions, and great employments: For false Articles, are good memento's to prevent true ones: and this occurrence will be a seasonable advisoe to this Honourable Personage to beware of reall miscarriages, since forged and pretended ones give such loud Alarms.

That Innocence (how singular and superlative soever) should be depraved, is a contingency inevitable in this World, which is composed of good and bad. In *Shimes's* mouth, *David* is a man of *Belial*. *Joseph* was accused of Incontinency, meerly because he would not consent to be dishonest, and suffered for that impiety which he refused to commit. No wonder then to heare the clamours of this *Rabshakeb*, who onely vomits out his own shame, and proves himselfe the retainer to that filth, which he hath with so much impious sedulity raked together and delights to wallow in. For all the guilt proceeds from his corrupted mouth, and can be traced no further then his owne scandalous Pamphlet, which like a foule overchar'd peece, will recoyle in his own face. and bestow upon him the reward of *Cain*, due to all such. who repine that others service should be more acceptable then their own, and pursue meritorious actions with enmity and revenge.

P. Scipio Africanus, that admirable Roman, who in a plunge of Publicke calamity (when all their Forces in Spaine were defeated *Hannibal ad portas* and all Rome was but one coward) durst only undertake the Spanish expedition went on Victoriously conquered all Spain, subdued *Carthage*, and utterly vanquishd *Hannibal*,

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But, was after all this cited before the Senate, and a Publick charge exhibited against him by the *Petiti* the same day, whereon formerly he had defeated *Hannibal* and the *Carthagenians*. But he in stead of contesting with his litigious Adversaries, bad them all *goe give thanks for the happynesse of that day, and pray for more such as he had been*, and so immediately repaying to his anniversary devotions, drew all the people after him, and appear'd more glorious that day, then when he rode in Triumph through the City.

The consideration of this pregnant instance may give some satisfaction to the World, and this worthy Person upon this occasion and be an example how to treat all such Impudent incendiaries, and their seditious Articles: which are best answered with contempt and deserve no other confutation, then to be neglected: as was the prudent deportment of this present Lord Generall *Cromwell*, when he was bayted by a keener whelp of this accusative Litter, and bespattered with the contumelies of that Arch-boutefeu, who might employ his own manufacture upon himselfe and creatures, and spend all his Soap to wash his own and their corrupted mouthes.

There are some Pictures which at severall distances represent different Formes. These Articles are such a piece of Imposture: For at the first cursory superficiall view, they delineate onely *John Musgrave*, but after a serious perusal, and a strict examination of particulars, they evidently betray a *Lilburne*. Our eyes or spectacles, discern onely a smaller Meteor, but by the benefit of a telescope, we may behold a prodigious Comet, ominous to the peace of this Common-wealth. These conjectures may be deduced from severall particulars in the Articles: For much of the injustice which is imputed to Sir *Arthur Haselrigge*, has principall relation to Mr. *George Lilburne*, and most of those persons which are here excepted against, were great sufferers under Mr. *Lilburnes* tyranny, and were Agents and Witnesses in the prosecution of severall charges against him, as Mr. *Wrey*, Mr. *Lampson*, Mr. *Colston*, &c. as will appeare hereafter. Thus tis very probable, that Mr. *Lilburne* is the retired contriver, and close dictator and *John Musgrave* onely the trunk he speaks through, a vizard, stalking horse, and mercenary Soliciter: In brieft, *George Lilburnes* hackney, and *John Lilburnes* Ape.

And now tis time to enter the Lists with this Hydra this monster of seventeen heads, and without remaining any thing to his opprobrious

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House-furriers (which are but false fires, and give no report) bid defiance to his Articles, which though they make a noyse, and smok, are charg'd with Powder onely, can doe no execution, and are indeed but scandalls in array, and reproaches marshalled into rancke and file.

The Articles.

1. **T**hat Sir Arthur Haslerigge contrary to his Engagement to the Councell of State, and Councell of States Declarations upon the Petitioners exceptions, procured lately such in the County of Cumberland, to be Justices of the Peace, Commissioners for Sequestrations, Commissioners for the Ministry, and Commissioners for the Militia there, as were known Delinquents, and such as are disaffected to the present Government, and complying with the Scottish Interest, as by the charge against them hereunto annexed, and another charge against them, formerly exhibited to the Councell of State may appear.

That Sir Arthur upon the clamours of a busie impertinent, should give Engagement of his fidelity to the Councell of State, doth shew how tender he is of the satisfaction of that great Court, as to prefer their security before his own honour; and after a continued series of so many yeares active, cordiall, important service, to allow his integrity to be questioned, and renew his security for his future industry.

As for Delinquent Commissioners, if any such there be in Cumberland (for in the three other Counties he objects none) tis probable Sir Arthur understands them better then the Accuser; has had experience of their fidelity and knows the Common-wealth may without prejudice commit Publike Employments to their trust: and how discreet & happy he hath bin in his election is evidenced by their faithfull service to the Army in Scotland, and by their care and expedition in raising and sending considerable and mature supplies from these foure Northerne Counties. Thus they were worthy of his choyce before he admitted them, or were made so by his trusting them; For we may oblige some to be faithfull and by confiding in them, make many honest; and tis more glorious to convert a Delinquent, then to punish him. Againe, if there be any Delinquents made use of, tis to be presumed they are in places
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of no great concernment, or joyn'd in Commission with others of known integrity and judgement, who would easily discover, and over-power their designs. Should they attempt to be perfidious; and perhaps that County has been so generally over-run with the streame of Malignancy, that there were few left untainted; and consequently some Delinquents were admitted, to prevent strangers, (and that crime which is anon objected) unlesse such as *Musgrave* should have been prefer'd who by his perversenesse in this private condition, discovers how unruly he would be, were he backt with authority and credit; and is indeed fitter to set his Clients together by the ears, then mannage the peace of a Common-wealth.

For the giblets and garbage of his traine the Articles exhibited against the Commissioners in *Cumberland*, because they include nothing but what is repeated here, and doth serve him for all Persons whom he is pleased to bring upon the stage, they will be sufficiently refuted in the Vindication of some Persons more directly concerned in these Articles. For in defeating this main body of his Army, those paddes will easily be routed; when down-right blowes be well awarded, collaterall ones can break no pates: and if this triple *Goliath* of seventeen cubits can be conquered, the rest of *Philistins*, without further dispute, will quit the field.

2. That the said Sir Arthur Haslerigge being the chief, and leading Commissioners for the Ministry at Newcastle, approved of such Ministers in *Cumberland* at Newcastle as refused the Engagement, were scandalous and Delinquents; and such Ministers as were well-affected, without any charge, removed from their Ministry, and put them out of their places, whereby he discovers his dis-affection to the present Government, by upholding and countenancing the Malignant party in Authority, and keeping under the Parliaments friends, all which this Petitioner is able to prove, and further, refers himselfe to the Copies of Letters herunto annexed, the Originals being in the Petitioners hands.

To this we answer, that Sir Arthur is often compelled to be absent from that Committee, being diverted, by many great employments, and especially by his attendance upon the reliefe of the Army in *Scotland*, and taking order for all manner of Provision raising new Levies, and sending supplies of Horse and Foot; whose diligence and expedition in every particular (sometimes out-labouring common Porters, and other whies contriving beyond the most retired con-

concentrations) is a sufficient discovery how dis-affected he is to the present Government, which he so studies to preserve and advance.

If that Committee in Sir *Arthurs* absence have transgressed, must their miscarriages be layd upon Sir *Arthur*? He might as well charge the Councell of State with Sir *Arthurs* pretended Crimes, and make them guilty of these Articles. But tis a question whether any injustice was done or not, for he onely sayes he can prove them, but does not. To which we answer, we can disprove them, but will not. The Copies of Letters which he refers us to, whose Originals are in his own hands, are perhaps (both Copies and Originals) forgeries of his own, or by his instigation; or else the peevish motions of some refractory Spirits, who (like the Israelites) murmur in all conditions, and would loathe their food should they be cramm'd with Manna; Unthankfull men! who are never full, or quickly surfeit, and are guilty of satiety or un satiableness.

3. That Sir *Arthur Haslerigge* undertook to the Councell of State to examine the Articles exhibited by the Petitioner to the Councell of State, against *M. Charles Howard*, high Sheriffe of Cumberland, but neglected the same, and came privately into the Country to *Naward*, and there feasted with the said Skeriffe, who is a dangerous, and most notorious Delinquent, as appears by the charge exhibited against him by the Petitioner to the Councell of State.

The Accuser he exclaims against Sir *Arthur* for neglecting to be his Soliciter, in examining some Articles exhibited against the High Sheriffe of Cumberland; whose examination he confesses the Councell of State (to be quit of him) had refer'd to Sir *Arthur*, and consequently, judg'd them unworthy their considerations. And Sir *Arthur* too upon examination, found them scandalous, *Musgrave's*, and such as these. This is all, save onely that Sir *Arthur* came and sup'd at *Naward*; as if it were petty Treason for a Gentleman to visit the high Sheriffe of a County, chosen, and still approved by the Councell of State; yet he prosecutes the fact with as much vehemency, as if they had sat down to *Arrows* Feast, and risen from the Table *Anthropophagists*.

4. That the said Sir *Arthur Haslerigge* suffers Captain *Howards* Troop to lye upon free Quarter upon the Country, for these foure Moneths last past, and doth countenance one *Dobson* Captaine *Hewards* Lieutenant, who cheated the Troop of 2350 pound. And when com-
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plaint was made to Sir Arthur Haslerigge, he never punished him for the same.

The Free Quarter is mistaken for quartering upon trust. For Capitaine Howards Souldiers were some Moneths without their Pay, which was assigned them in *Yorkshire*, and somewhat long ere it came to them, but now it is distributed, and their Quarters (if any did goe oth score) are since discharg'd.

Tis possible *Dobson* did endeavour to couzen the Souldiers of some of their pay, and Sir Arthur was certified as much, who thereupon sent for *Dobson* and confin'd him, till he had given 500 pound bond, with other Bayle, to answer it before a Councell of Warre, which he did, and upon the examination it appear'd that not above thirty pound of the Souldiers mony remained in his hands; a summe far short of 1350 pound. But I am affraid greater matters then these would be discovered, should we peruse the Booke of *Lilburne*, and examine the Records of *Tinmouth Castle*.

5 That the said Sir Arthur Haslerigge gave Commission to Edward Brigs, to be Lieutenant Collonel for Carlile Garrison, and made him a Commissioner for the Militia and Ministry in Westmerland, a man known disaffected to the present Government, and lately cashiered for his drunkennesse and other miscarriages by the now Lord Generall Cromwell. That the said Sir Arthur gave Commissions to Thomas Craystour, Cuthbert Studholme, Captain Brown, and others, to be Captains and Lieutenants in Carlile Garrison, men known to be disaffected to the present Government, profest Enemies to honest men, most of them having now laid down their Commissions, when they were to march into Scotland. And the said Sir Arthur doth countenance none in Cumberland, but such as are profest Enemies to the honest party, and are for the Scottish Interest.

John Masgrave (it seems) upon some occasion is not well-affected to Lieutenant Coll Brigs, and therefore would have us think, that Lieutenant Coll. Brigs is disaffected to the State: when the antecedent, in any rationall mans opinion, doth inferr the contrary. Casheerd he might be upon some mis-information and both the Generall, and he abused. But however. suppose the Accuser can speak truth, Sir Arthur cannot warrant every ones fidelity, knowes not the hearts of men, and what tis possible they may be afterwards, as this Accuser pretends to doe, who peremptorily bestowes his
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charter upon all he meets. Those Gentlemen who layd downe their Commissions when they were to March into Scotland; did it, not out of any dis-affection to the present Government, but upon some naturall Imperfection, and infirmity of Body, unable to endure those many extremities in Scotland, which the strongest Complexions and best temper'd men had much adoe to overcome; and 'twas an act of singular affection to the Common-wealth in the late Lord Generall, to lay down his Commission, upon such considerations, whose heart (as theirs too, no doubt) went into Scotland, though their bodies did not, which would have been but cumbersome, not advantageous to the service.

6. That by the said Sir Arthur Haslerigg's intrusting the Authorities, and Militia in the hands of Delinquents, and men for the Scottish Interest, the well-affected in Cumberland and Bishoprick lye under greater oppressions, then formerly under King and Prelats. And the said Sir Arthur is a protector of Papists and Delinquents, forbidding the Subsequestrators, and Solicitours for Sequestration in Bishoprick to Sequester Papists, Ordered to be Sequestred of which the Papists and Delinquents doe much boast, and honest men thereby are much cast down.

Here the Accuser railes at eleven-score, and inveighs that by Delinquent's (pretended) authorities, the well-affected in Cumberland, (that is he and his whining crew) and Bishoprick (George and Richard Lilburns) suffer more then under King and Prelates (which is) he is not suffered to raile him selfe into an estate, nor they permitted to oppresse others out of their estates. But that Sir Arthur should be a protector of Papists and Delinquents, is a scandall Papists themselves would sweare to be a lye, and the most notorious Delinquent will absolve him from.

Sure the fellow intends to erect a new kind of Academy, and maintain Paradoxes. Were he of any Religion. I should take him to be a Papist, and that he pretends to Infalibility: For else, with what confidence could he hope the most incredulous Solidians, would assent to these impudent untruths? He might as well have said, my Lord President was dis-affected to the present Government, and the Generall comp'yd with the Scotch Interest? that John Adusgrave is an honest man, hath no gall, is a Dove, meek, patient, Prayes for his Enemies, and is in Charity with all men.

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Sir Arthur indeed at first commenced his authority with a severe hand such as was wisdom to treat Delinquents with; but after sweetened his justice with some mercy, the method of all such, who seek not game in humane blood; for which perhaps, the ingenuity of some render him the homage of good language, an argument of their gratitude, and conversion too.

7. *That Sir Arthur Haslerigge binds and obstructs the ordinary proceeding of Law and Justice in favour of Papists, and did take out of the Sheriffs custody Ralph Lampton, a notorious Papist, and Delinquent, being under arrest, and formerly arraigned for poisoning his Wife; with which Lampton, the said Sir Arthur is very kind and familiar.*

The Accuser now is advanc'd into Bishoprick, and both the Scene and Actours changed: For this Article concerns Mr. *George Lilburne*, as will appear by Mr. *Lampton*, who now (it seems) must enter.

Mr. *Ralph Lampton* being under Sequestration, much oppressed by Mr. *George Lilburne*, and not onely he, but the State likely to be cheated of 3000 l. estate of the said Mr. *Lampton* did in behalfe of himselfe and twelve children, miserably distressed for want, humbly Petition Sir *Arthur Haslerigge*, and the rest of the Committee of Sequestration, against Mr. *George Lilburne* and one *Gray* his Mate; whereby he manifested that the said *Lampton*, being a joynt sharer with *George Grey*, and *George Lilburne* in a Colliery, called *Lampton Colliery* and having disburs't great summes of money for the winning thereof; *Grey* and *Lilburne* taking advantage of his Recusancy, and Delinquency, endeavoured to defraud him of his Interest therein; and when Mr. *Lampton* (upon order) came to prosecute, and attest his Petition, *Lilburne* and *Grey* barbarously procured him to be Arrested. Sir *Arthur* having notice of this injustice, caused the Sheriffe to set him at liberty. This is all the grand partiallity the Accuser here pursues with open mouth, and Mr. *Lampton* desires of Sir *Arthur* no other favour then what the justnesse of his cause shall deserve, and a fift part for his Children of that which he shall make appear *Grey* and *Lilburne* have in their hands, and that the State may redeem the rest. For his being Indicted for poisoning his Wife (if any such thing were) he has undergone the Law for it, as *George Lilburne* did when he was Arraign'd for stealing a *Grey Mare*. *Loricodens rectus derideat.*

8. That the said Sir Arthur Haslerigge procured Ralph Delivall Esquire a Delinquent in arms against the Parliament, and dis-affected to the present Government, this last yeare to be high Sheriffe for Northumberland.

This is a most lamentable, infirme, cobweb Item, and only charges Sir Arthur with Mr. Dalavells Sheriffalry, when tis the Judges, that after the Circuit, present the names of three Gentlemen, and the Parliament pricks him whom they think most worthy of that dignity: If Sir Arthur interposed his commendations, or was concern'd in the businesse, the deportment of that worthy Gentleman has justified his good opinion; for he hath most faithfully and gallantly (like himselfe) discharg'd that place of trust and honour. But sure there's something in the Winde, that makes John Musgrave thus disgust high-Sheriffs. I am afraid he has had ill lucke in horse-flesh too, has been too busie with some Grey Mare, and ever since quarrell'd with the Assizes.

9. That the said Sir Arthur Haslerigge, contrary to an Act of Parliament, suffered Lieutenant Colonel John Jackson, a notorious Delinquent, and in arms against the Parliament, both in the first and second War, a great plunderer, to go and ride up and down the Country with his arms, and against Law put the said Jackson in Possession of certain grounds and Collieries in Bishoprick belonging to men well-affected, whom the said Sir Arthur by strong hand dispossessed thereof without Law, and the said Sir Arthur Haslerigge against the fundamentall Law of the Land, most arbitrarily and tyrannically did by his power take from the now high Sheriffe of Bishoprick the said Jacksons goods taken in Execution, after judgement, and restored the said goods to the said Jackson. contrary to all the rules of the Law.

Not one syllable of this is true as it is charg'd. M. Jackson did indeed sometimes weare a Sword (yet without Sir Arthurs permission or privacy) and he had good reason for it; For having occasion to goe to Washington, a Town not farre from his own abode; and Mr. John Hedworth, son in law to George Grey, and Richard Grey sonne also to the said George, having notice of it, they with others in their company, dogg'd him into the house of one James Pearson, and there inhumanely assaulted him, Hedworth holding him, while Grey made a thrust at him, which thrust (had not one Mr. Moorecraft but it by) had slaine the Gentleman; This Mr. Jackson complained

plain'd of and proved by the Oath of three severall witnesses before Collonell Wren and Mr. Thomas Dalavall.

As for Sir Arthur's giving him possession of Lands &c. Tis true, that after Mr. Jackson had made his Composition with Sir Arthur and the rest of the Commissioners, and had secured the payment of his mony, they thought it fit to order, that such houses, lands, and Collieries as he had compounded for, and was seiled on before his Delinquency, should be restored unto him; which were accordingly, save the Ginns belonging to his Colliery, whereof Grey and Lilburne had cheated both him and the State.

The last part of this Chymæra, is a most egregious mistake, or a most rare piece of Legerdemane. There were, for a debt of Master Jacksons, certain Goods grazing in his Grounds, but belonged to an Officer in the Army; these indeed were mistaken in Execution, and the Sheriffe being satisfied of the truth, delivered the Cattell backe again to one Mr. Brewin, who was intrusted with the care of them in the owners absence. Here were no goods of Mr. Jackson's either seized or, or reprieved; and Sir Arthur was so meere a stranger to the businesse, that perhaps this Article brought him the first news of it; but if John Musgrave will have it so, he must doe things he never heard of, and be guilty of *Delinquents arms*, because others *saie to murder them*; when the most pernicious Weapon is the Accusers Pen whose tongue is a sharpe Sword, and whose mouth a Magazin of Poiards.

10. That the said Sir Arthur Haslerigge is very familiar, and keepeth company with Thomas Wray, a Papist, in arms against the Parliament, and upon search for a Popish Priest, there was lately found in the said Wrayes house, Copes, and other Popish Reliques, and much Gold and Mony, most whereof Sir Arthur Haslerigge caused to be returned backe to M. Wrayes Wife, a Papist. And the said Sir Arthur by his Souldiers put sundry honest men out of Possession of the Collieries settled upon them by Law. under colour the same belonged to the said Wray, whose Debts Sir Arthur Haslerigge undertook to pay, (as Wray confessed) for the said Collieries, being worth ten pounds per diem, as the said Sir Arthur giveth forth, to the utter undoing of the owners of the said collieries.

To this lowd nothing, we oppose this cleare discovery of abused truth. Mr. Wray hath at present, and for many years hath had a just
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and legall Interest in a Colliery at Harratton. For in the year 1644 it was Sequestred by Sir William Ermin and the Commissioners, then in the County of Durham, for the Papacy and Delinquency of the said Mr. Wray; and again in 1645 by Mr Lilburne and Mr. Grey upon the same account. In 1647 Mr Lilburne and Mr. Grey make themselves the States Tennants for the said Colliery; and having found the sweetnesse of it, laboured to purchase the same of M. Wray: and they concluded to give him 5000 l. But afterward, pretending to have got some Interest from others in the said Colliery, and knowing their own power would justify them in any action, they declined the Agreement with Mr. Wray, and entered upon the Colliery, and disposed thereof to their own uses, and so defrauded both Mr. Wray of his Interest, and the State of the Sequestration. There was no hopes of redresse for Mr. Wray (for he was under hatches, and the Lilburnes then were uncontrollable) till Sir Arthur Haslerigge came into these Parts, who being certified of Lilburnes unjust act by Mr. Wrays Petitioning to him and the Commissioners, Sequestred the foresaid Colliery for the States use. After this, Grey draws in young Hedworth to set a foot his Title in the Colliery (whose inheritance indeed it is, but was bought of his Father by Mr. Wray for a terme of years which are not yet expired) and they taking advantage of Mr. Wrays confinement (who suffered a judgement by default) re-entered upon the Colliery. Of which plot and knavery, Sir Arthur likewise having notice, he rescued it from their clawes againe, and re-sequestred it. Thus Sir Arthur is charg'd with putting honest men out of their Possessions, because he prohibited George Lilburne and George Grey to defraud both M. Wray of his Right of Title, and the State of their Right of Sequestration, and did an act of Private and of Publicke justice.

In answer to the former part of this Article, we must relate another excellent device of M. Lilburne, who to get M. Wrays evidences of Harratton Colliery from him, pretended M. Wray had a Papish Priest in his house, and under that colour raniacke the house, took away all deeds and evidences could be met with, Copes, and other Church staffe, some old Gold of Mis. Wrayes, her Watch and severall Rings, to the value of 200 l. nor was there ever any thing restored again, save onely ten pieces of Gold, the Watch, and a Wedding Ring, which were ravisht from them by publike order too; but

but the Deeds and Writings (though of great concernment) no orders whatsoever could recover. What strange mistakes were here, to seise on *old Gold* for *Reliques*, and take *Evidences* for a *conceal'd Priest*? That Sir *Arthur* should undertake to pay *M. Wrayes* debts, is as ridiculous, as to thinke *M. Lilburne* will discharge them with the *Gold* he plundered from him.

11. That the said Sir *Arthur Haslerigge* doth comply with and countenance *Collonell John Hilton*, a *Delinquent*, in armes, both in the first and second War, and assists the said *Hilton* to defraud the poore in sundry *Parishes* in *Bishoprick*, of great legacies given by the said *Hiltons Elder Brother*.

In this is involv'd another grand cheat of *M. George Lilburne* against the State of 300l. per annum, viz. The mannor of *Ford* in *Bishopricke*; which mannor, *M. Lilburne* himselfe caused to be Sequestred for the Delinquency of *Collonell Hilton*, and converted the Profits to his own use; and all this while, not a word of any Testament or Legacy. But after, when he saw himselfe questioned for this, and other tricks, and fear'd he should disgorge some of the thousands he had swallowed, he contrived himselfe a dextrous escape, by rowling a Dormant Will of *Baronett Hilton*, made upon some discontents between him and his Brother, under pretence of charity to severall *Parishes*, whereby he was to merit pardon for 30 yeares vicious life led with the Lady *Shelly*. Pious *M. Lilburne* prosecuted the suite in Chancery at his own charge, and had a Decree thereupon, which the Councell of State may happily retrieve, and examine better the depredation of so considerable a Composition. Thus we see how charitable master *Lilburne* is with other mens Estates, how finely he robs the State, to enrich the poore, and had rather build Hospitals, then pay his debts!

12. That Sir *Arthur Haslerigge* brought *Collonell Hacker* into the Country, who contrary to an Act of Parliament Quarters his Souldiers, and others, under the name of Souldiers, who are none, upon the well-affected in *Bishoprick*, and would but pay what they pleased, and in some places nothing; but upon complaint *Collonell Hacker* gave the people no reliefe, but threatned them to have them before Sir *Arthur Haslerigge* for complaining; afterwards *Captain Thomas Lilburne* brought the matter in question before a Councell of Warre at *Whitehall*, but by Sir *Arthurs* power, it could never be fully heard, which

which if it had, there would have appeared many thousand pounds kept wrongfully from the Souldiers, besides the great oppression of free-Quarter, some Executions whereof were taken by master Margets, which Sir Arthur Haslerigge keeps hitherto from Reading, and the said Sir Arthur sore threatened the said Captain, for appearing for the Souldiery and Country against him, and Collonell Hacker.

Sir Arthur was the cause, tis probable, of Collonell Hackers advance into these parts, considering how behovefull and necessary the attendance of that gallant Collonell would be for the security of these Northern Counties, where the malignant Party had been so active, and were still so numerous. But straight master George Lilburne thinks himselfe opposed in the businesse, falls presently to disgust the Collonell, and conjures his son Thomas the Captain to assist him with some designe against him. Deare Tom. layes the scene with some of Collonell Hackers Souldiers betrays them to some misdemeanors, and perswades them not to pay in many places. These incivilities make up a charge against Collonell Hacker; and one master Margets came busling into the Country, by order from the Lord Generall (as he pretended, but falliely) to examine it. All things being prepared, and the day come. Geo: Rich: and Tho: Lilburnes face the businesse; Collonell Hacker attended also to receive his charge; but Margets told him he must stay for it, and both he and his Souldiers immediately leave the Towne. Hereupon the Collonell complains to the Generall; who sends an order to examine Margets, which was done accordingly, and this truth discovered and certified. This is all concerns that worthy Collonell, whom none but Lilburne and Masse-troopers disaffect.

23. That the said Sir Arthur Haslerigge so dissable master George Lilburne to serve his country, and the more to discourage the well-affectd in Bishoprick, caused him to be put out of the Commission of Peace, ministry, and militia, and much endeavourth to Sequester the said master George Lilburne, who hath commonly been reputed the most active, stirring, and suffering man for the good of this Nation, both before the Parliament began, and since, of any that hath been, or is in the Country.

This is the Grand-signour Article, to which the former were but Ushers, and all the rest a guard and convoy: This is the master waspe, yet quite without a sting. Twas the discharging of master George Lilburne

~~Exalted~~ from his thriving employments, that derived a guilt upon all Sir Arthur's other actions. But since that *active, stirring, suffering* Gentleman affects Encomiums, loves to be popular, and shew himselfe; let him surrender up those borrowed Plumes, and wear this Character, and *second Livery*.

For his first rise was little better then from the *Clerke and Treasurer*; and of late yeares an ordinary Fitter was his greatest Title. But since he served himselfe into the Committee for Sequestrations, by letting Sequestrations to himselfe in others names for small values, and buying Plundered Goods at under Rates, he has purchased many thousands, and now endures the burden of being very Rich, and suffers the misery of a Vast Estate.

*Quid esse nostro fortius potest Pato?
Dacentias accepit, & tamen vivit.*

In the Earle of Newcastle's time, he signed and sent out Warrants for raising men and horse for the service of the late King, and when that Earle was in the North, he sent out men and arms to his assistance; and this is called *his good affection*.

He was so Imperious in his Sequestratorship, and so shamefully over-awed the rest of the Commissioners, that most of them were abused out of their stations, and M. George Lilburne was left a petty monarch, attended onely with his brother Richard (such another haughty spirit as himselfe) and one Tom Turke, alias Coll: Midford, a creature of their own stamp, who durst not displease them, lest they should question him for a murder he committed upon one Mr. Groser in Newcastle upon Tyne. The well-affected are so far from being discouraged at displacing of him that they all deprecate his Tyranny next the Pestilence, insert it in their Liturgie, and prefix it to their --- *Libera nos Domine*.

14. That Sir Arthur Haslerigge hath displaced all the well-affected men in Bishoprick that were of the Committee for Sequestrations there, and put in their stead one Thomas Haslerigge his Kinsman, and a stranger, and doth continue one Colonel Francis Wren, who in the head of his Regiment upon his first march into Scotland was disgracefully, and justly cashiered, by the now Lord General Cromwell for Plundering, and other grosse and foule misde-meanours; and one Thomas Dalavall, an
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arch Malignant, and dis-affected to the present Government, who lived in the Enemies Quarters all the time the Earle of Newcastle had his Forces there.

What the displaced were, the Accuser may see if he but face about; and who these present Commissioners are he shall quickly be informed; so that were he a *Janus*, he might employ all his Opticks, and backward or forward behold his own untruths and scandals.

Mr. Thomas Haslerigge is a Gentleman of such Univerſall abilities, and ſo richly furniſht with Forraigne and Domeſtick experience, that every Country is his own, and he is a *Stranger* nowhere. *Collo-nell Wren* and maſter *Thomas Dalavall* are Gentlemen no leſſe ſerving, and make up an accompliſht Triumvirate of fidelity and merit: they have improved the States ſervice to the utmoſt, given ſatisfaction to all reaſonable men, and are every way worthy of their great Employments.

Collo-nell Wren hath ever been an active, faithful Gentleman, and though it was his miſfortune to ſuffer ſome obſcurity by the diſorders of his Souldiers (ſuborn'd and hired thereunto perhaps by ſome mens malice to prejudice the Collo-nell) yet never any thing was charg'd upon himſelfe, and the merit of his own deportment did ſoon expunge that caſuall blemish which tranſlated him only from his military attendance, to doe the works of Peace; nor was he diſmiſſt, but lent us by the Generall; we borrowed him oth^r Army, and he was conferr'd upon the County to examine the actions, and cenſure the Injuſtice of the *Lilburnes*, who not for any miſcarriages, but that good ſervice doe here traduce this worthy Collo-nell.

'Tis onely objected to maſter *Thomas Dalavall* that he lived in the Enemies Quarters; and well, tis not charg'd againſt him, that he lived. We may ſay the Accuſer lived ith' Enemies Quarters when he was in Priſon there (as he pretends) and maſter *Dalavall's* reſidence there was to him perhaps but little better. However, tis to be preſumed he was guarded with no ſmall flock of Innocence, which could there ſecure him even amongſt his Enemies, who were more reaſonable (it ſeems) and leſſe injurious, then this Accuſer, who is oblig'd to be his friend.

15. That the ſaid *George Lilburne* being *Surveyor* of the Biſhops Lands in Biſhoprick with one *Edward C. Iſton*, which ſaid *Collo-n* joyned with one *Saunders*, and counterfeited maſter *Duncalfes* hand
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without his privity for the abatement of a thousand and odd pounds merely to confound the State thereof which cheat and ensenage, the said George Lilburne discovered. But the said Sir Arthur Haslerigge much laboured and sollicitated the said George Lilburne to conceal the said cheat and forgery of the said Colston, and though the said Colston be a man disaffected to the present Government, and married to a Papist, yet doth the said Sir Arthur Haslerigge much countenance the said Colston and made him a Commissioner for the Ministry, and his court-keeper.

Had the Accuser been as busy to discover truth, as to pervert it, he might have been convinc'd of this loud scandall two yeares agoe. For master Colston himselfe gave this false charge, a cleare confutation, and in Print Published his own Vindication which gave full satisfaction to the Trustees, Contractors, and all Persons whom it did concerne, and to which the Accuser may repayre if he desires, or can abide the light; where he shall find that all the cheat is in himselfe or Lilburne, who would ~~convince~~ the World of truth, a Gemme more precious then any thousands.

What service the Councell of State or Sir Arthur Haslerigge shall impose upon master Colston, no question but that able Gentleman will industriously discharge, and gratifie their Trust by his Fidelity. In the meane time, he esteemes it next to Publique Employments (of which at present tis Vacation with him) to be of use to that eminent member of the Commonwealth, whose noblenesse and worth he is many wayes obliged to serve and honour; and would professe as much should Musgrave every day endite new Articles.

16. That your Petitioner hath been much Petitioned by the well-affected in his Country, to present their grievances, and oppressions, and crave reliefe in their behalfe, as appears by their Letters, Copies whereof are hereunto annexed.

This contains nothing of Importance, and onely is an Allegory which must be thus Expounded. A Pack of malicious Incendiaries that pretend oppressions to their seditious Phrenesies, have made John Musgrave their Bell-Weather, or Jack Straw, as may be collected from their Letters, &c.

17. That your Petitioner hath lately discovered sundry concealed and unsequestred Delinquents of great Estates, which will bring in to
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the State ten thousand pounds and more, if the Commissioners for Sequestration made by Sir Arthur Haslerigge were honest, and faithfull men; but in regard most of the said Commissioners are Delinquents, and Sequestrable themselves, and all of them dis-affected to the present Government, they doe what in them lies to hinder your Petitioner in the prosecution thereof.

The Accuser has now gone over all his Posts, and left himself no marks to shoot at; yet he has more Darts behind still, which must be discharg'd, and therefore are let fly at randome, exclaiming in generall against *Delinquent Commissioners*; which had an Answer in the return to the first Article: for he but conn's his Lesson here, and begins again before he be quite out: Orly tis observable here (as all along) that *dis-affected to the present Government, and complying with the Scotch Interest* is the burden of his Song, and a card that is alwayes turn'd up *trump*, when he would somthing, but can say nothing else.

Indeed here is somthing of new matter, and that is his active-nesse in the discovery of unsequestred *Delinquents*, as if he were more industrious for the advantage of the Commonwealth then Sir *Arthur Haslerigge*? But the truth of all he tells plainly in his Remonstrance, where he Petitions that his discovery of conceal'd *Delinquents* may be taken into consideration, and then no doubt but he will bestir himself to seek whom he may devoure, then shall every Rich man be a *Delinquent*, and guilty of his *Estate*, when covetousnesse and malice shall have a Salary, and Sinne have any *Wages* but *Death*.

For should ill Presidents passe without reproofe, should it be permitted once to Scandall with Impunity, and Informe *cum Privilegio*; every one would turn Accuser, and there would be no such thing as Innocence it's world: Each City would be worse then *Sodom* not furnish with one righteous Lot, against whom the malice of some would not Exhibit their Exceptions: The Thiefe would Arraigne his Judge, and the Offender Impeach his Jury: There would be left no Councell of State *Inviolable* to Sentence or Absolve, no Lord President to appeale unto.

Saturday



Saterday the 25. of *January*, 1650.

At the Councell of State at White-hall,

Ordered,

UPon Information given to this Councell by Sir *Arthur Haslerigge*, that one Mr. *John Musgrave* had caused a Book to be Printed and Published, and that in the Epistle and Charge, the said *John Musgrave* did Accuse him the said Sir *Arthur Haslerigge* of breach of Promise and Engagement to the Councell, and for acting contrary to the same, and contrary to the Councell of States Declaration. The said Mr. *John Musgrave* being called before the Councell, did acknowledge the whole Book, excepting onely some Errata's of the Printer, which he offered to amend with his Pen, and said he would justifie it, and offered to put in security to make it good. Thereupon the said Master *Musgrave* being fully heard as to the particulars of the Epistle and Charge in his Book against Sir *Arthur Haslerigge* for a supposed breach of Trust
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and Engagement by him to the Councell, and also for Acting contrary to the Councels Declarations, concerning the Examining the Charge of *Mr. Howard* late High Sheriffe of *Cumberland*, for the not displacing and putting in certaine Commissioners of the Militia for *Cumberland*, who were objected against by *Mr. Musgrave*. The Councell Declares, that it doth not at all appear unto them, that *Sir Arthur Haslerigge* hath broken the Trust reposed in him by the Councell, or made any faile of Promise or Engagement to them in any of those particulars. But doe find that the Imputations therein layd as a Charge upon *Sir Arthur Haslerigge*, are False and Scandalous : And doe therefore touching the said Scandals, leave *Sir Arthur Haslerigge* for his due Vindication and Reparation, to take such Course as he shall think fit.

Ex. G. Frost, Secr.

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